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## ATV club will revise plans for trail

**ALLAN BENNER**  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET —** Quad Niagara will have to come up with Plan B if it wants to establish ATV riding trails through the rural community.

That's because after hearing the concerns of dozens of Wainfleet property owners at a public meeting last Tuesday night, it's apparent Plan A won't work.

Township council organized the meeting as part of its council meeting, to hear from residents regarding a proposal to create a trail system where ATV riders can enjoy their sport.

The proposal would

place the trail in an unopened road allowance on Concession 6 Rd. near Regional Rd. 27. But property owners, many of them farmers, made it clear the ATV riders would not be welcome in the area.

"As far as I can see, these ATV riders have no concern about damage or what they do on other people's property," said Ken Edwards. "Last winter, I had two or three come right across my property and left rust in my hay field."

The Concession 1 Rd. resident said he's tried to complain to trespassing ATV riders, but they don't care.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo  
Wainfleet council chambers is packed with residents Tuesday night, concerned about plans to create a trail for ATV riders.



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■ ATV

# 'If we had a trail, it would be a godsend'

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Regional Rd. 27 resident Heather Letourneau said her property is adjacent to the unopened road allowance.

"We're going to see a lot of traffic going through our backyard. ... If you go ahead with this plan and open the road allowance up to this club, they're going to open it up to everybody," she complained.

Jim Farr said he grows crops on that unopened road allowance.

"This road allowance goes straight across my farm. It will split my field in half, and take several acres of excellent farm land out of production," the Regional Rd. 27 resident said.

Wilford Rd. resident Dean Webb said he visited 33 homes in the area and collected 31 signatures of people opposed to the ATV trail.

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Quad Niagara president Tracy-Lynn Bell-Volpati

"I think that speaks for itself. Nobody wants it in this particular area," he said.

In addition to more than a dozen residents who spoke against the trail, several ATV riders also attended the meeting to plead their case.

"The bottom line is we need somewhere to ride," said Robert Montgomery.

While residents have legitimate concerns about trail usage, Ald. riders, he said establishing a trial system would give them an alternative to riding across private property.

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ally have a trail it would be a lot easier on people, instead of them being very scared of us driving on their land," he said. "If we had a trail, it would be a godsend."

Quad Niagara president Tracy-Lynn Bell-Volpati told residents, by creating the trail system and giving riders a safe and legal place to use their machines, the club hopes to help prevent problems residents have experienced with the trail.

"We're trying to stop you from having issues with ATVs," she said. "The problem with Wainfleet right now is there is no control here."

By containing all the ATVs to a new trail system — one the club would set up and maintain — she said it will help mitigate some of the problems that occur elsewhere in the community.

But judging by the opposition expressed at the meeting, Bell-Volpati said the club would withdraw its initial plan that was approved by township council in principle, and work with the community to find a more suitable location for the trail within Wainfleet.

At the start of the meeting, Mayor April Jeffs said the potential of establishing an ATV trail was identified in the township's rec-

reational master plan developed this summer.

She said council has been struggling with the issue in terms of our mandate to promote recreation, which could possibly include an ATV trail, and at the same time we were all very clear at election time that we recognize the importance of and were dedicated to preserving agriculture and listening to all residents when it came to important issues.

While residents raised concerns about ATV riders "doing all the things ATVs shouldn't be doing," Ald. David Wyatt said the people doing those things are not

Quad Niagara members. "They're your neighbours," he said. "Your neighbours are doing all the things that you don't want them to do, and they will continue doing all the things you don't want them to do because they don't have a place to go."

And although farming is occurring on the unopened road allowance, he said farming that land "is a privilege and not a right."

He said the problem is that the sport of ATV riding has not been organized in the township, and Quad Niagara's proposal will bring organization to the use of the vehicles in Wainfleet.

Ald. Ted Hessel's, who owns property in the area, declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the debate.

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■ FILM: Sheridan students shoot movie on O'Reilly's Rd. property



## A creepy guy with eyeballs on his hands filmed in Wainfleet woods

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Betsy Szuch has spent the past few years clearing a nature trail through four acres of woodland behind her home on O'Reilly's Rd.

The path meanders throughout the woods, including bridges, camp-

sites, and arbours created by weaving branches together. It's a place where Szuch spends time relaxing after a hard day's work as editor and publisher of the *Wainfleet Township Crier*.

But last week, the serenity offered by the nature trail was invaded by a group of Sheridan College students, as well as a creepy guy with eyeballs growing out of the palms of his hands and a really gory looking corpse.

The crew of 28 people, including several third-year Sheridan film students, transformed Szuch's prop-

erty into a nightmare setting for a movie they're making based on a short story by Stephen King called *I am the Doorway*.

It's a story about a disabled astronaut named Artie who is infected by a mutant alien and begins growing eyes and tentacles, through which alien beings can look onto the world.

And not liking what they see, the aliens then use Artie's body to start murdering people.

Student Victor Vandenbosch, the movie's director, also adapted King's story for the 10-minute-long film.

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Film student Christine Hayward looks at a rendering of some of the special effects that will be part of a movie a team of students filmed in Wainfleet.

■ PLEASANT BEACH

# A surfer's paradise



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

A kite surfer helps wrangle a fellow kite surfer's kite at Pleasant Beach in Port Colborne last Saturday. The day saw great conditions for kite surfers, windsurfers and surfers at Pleasant Beach, Holloway Bay and Crystal Beach.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo  
A kite surfer gets ready to get on his board.



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A kite surfer tears through the surf.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo  
Two kite surfers control their kits as they come ashore.

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## ourview

## Working together

**D**uring an open house last week, Wainfleet residents near a proposed Quad Niagara riding trial made it clear they don't want ATV anywhere near their property.

Quad Niagara president Tracy Lynn Bell-Volpatto in an unopened road allowance on Concession 6 Rd, near Regional Rd. 27, and the idea was accepted in principle by township council.

But residents near the area came to council and of 33 homes in the area, 31 signed a petition against the idea.

"I think that speaks for itself. Nobody wants it in this particular area," Wainfleet Rd. resident Dean Webb said.

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While there are problem riders, not all ATV riders are considerate people who trespass and tear up other peoples' land.

Rider Robert Montgomery said residents have legitimate concerns about trespassing ATV riders, but added establishing a trial system would give them an alternative to riding across private property.

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Bell-Volpatto said Quad Niagara would withdraw its initial plan that was approved, and will work to come up with another plan for a trial system in the township.

We're glad to see the club taking the initiative in the first place to establish a legal trial system that would give riders a place to enjoy their sport. The club should also be commended for withdrawing its proposal and working with the township and residents to come up with another suitable location that won't affect others.

While landowners have a right not to have their property destroyed or trespassed upon, we think ATV riders have an equal right to take part in their sport in the area they live.

We hope residents the township and Quad Niagara can work together and find a solution to everyone's liking.

## I've been thinking

# About Remembrance Day

*Editor's note: Due to an editing error, the writing name was put on the I've Been Thinking column last week. We are re-running Rev. Thomas Arth's column in its entirety*

REV. THOMAS P. ARTH  
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

**L**ast week was All Saints' Day. Every year in our church, on that day or the following Sunday, we remember all who have died, especially those who died in the past year.

Today is Remembrance Day. Almost every year since I've lived in Port Colborne I've attended the ceremony at the cenotaph down at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. Together with members of the Legion, school children, politicians, and plenty of ordinary folks we remember the sacrifice and service of men and women who served in our armed forces in wars and peacekeeping missions on behalf of Canadians when called on by our government.

I don't think I'll ever observe either of these two occasions again without thinking of Tyler Crooks. I didn't know Tyler, Many in Port Colborne and surrounding area didn't know him. But that didn't stop us all from grieving with his family and friends and honouring him as we mourned his death suffered during his service as a soldier in Afghanistan.

It has been over a year since Tyler died. We were gathered as a community, lining the streets as his body was brought home to Port Colborne. We

were gathered in the church, by the honour guard and laid to rest at the cemetery disturbing, even frightening.

Besides trying to be a pacifist, I'm a

father of four children and young adults. I think about the world that we're creating for our children. When my parents were teenagers they were refugees in Europe, fleeing the dangers of war, trying to survive. My mother's grandfather was a teenager and, while they don't live with the same kind of danger, another of their countrymen was killed last week on the

church hall, and the auditorium at Lakeshore High for his funeral services with hundreds more lining the streets for the slow drive to the cemetery in Bethel.

I was honoured to preside at his funeral, to share in the grief of the mourners, to give voice to sorrow, to thank God for Tyler's life, as short as it was, and to entrust him into the hands of God. We trust in God's promises in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, and we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection.

As honoured as I was to preside at that funeral, I am equally honoured as I am for the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces on my behalf, the Remembrance Day ceremony evokes ambivalent feelings in me.

You see, I'm a pacifist. At least I have pacifist tendencies. I have to agree with one pastor who once said that he didn't know just how committed he'd be to pacifism if someone was threatening his wife and children. But I try to avoid violence. I try to avoid conflict. I try to avoid resolutions to conflict. I had the military chaplain who came from Petawawa that I found the guns carried by the honour guard and laid to rest at the cemetery disturbing, even frightening.

Besides trying to be a pacifist, I'm a father of four children and young adults. I think about the world that we're creating for our children. When my parents were teenagers they were refugees in Europe, fleeing the dangers of war, trying to survive. My mother's grandfather was a teenager and, while they don't live with the same kind of danger, another of their countrymen was killed last week on the

other side of the world.

What kind of world are we creating for our children? Is it a world where problems can only be solved through force? There's a saying that goes something like, "If the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem starts to look like a nail." But what if we stock our toolbox with different tools, things like love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness?

Our Lord Jesus said things like, "Do not resist evil. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." "If you are peacemakers, they will call you the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). The prophets Isaiah and Micah dreamed of the day when the nations "shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3).

What would our world look like if we set aside the hammer in favour of love, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness? What would the relationships between nations be like if they stopped fighting each other with swords and bows and the other weapons they've evolved into, we picked up plowshares and pruning hooks and faced each other with food for the hungry?

I don't have all the answers. But I pray, I pray for the men and women in the armed forces who are sent into harm's way. And I give thanks for the service and sacrifice of those who fought to secure the peace that we do enjoy. And I pray that God's great love would shine through us and all the ones of our wrath, to give peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

## readers' views

### Help Santa's Helpers

Once again it is time for Santa's Helpers to give thought to assisting the less fortunate citizens in our community at Christmas.

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**Mickie Van Es,**  
*Santa's Helpers Co-ordinator*  
**Shelley Tamis,**  
*Campaign Chairperson*

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## COLUMN

# Christmas spirit to help others

LINDSAY COSTELLO  
For InPort News

**L**ook ahead to the holiday season with the help of the community. With winter just around the corner, Port Colborne has come alive with a multitude of bazaars and craft shows in the spirit of the season.

Filling their venues with Christmas cheer, various groups have reason to celebrate the holidays while raising funds for their organizations and providing the public with food and fun. St. James and St. Brendan's Church held its annual bazaar on Nov. 5. Its Anglican Church Women's group put together the event in hopes of raising Christmas spirit in the city and to cap off their yearly fundraising events.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the public had the opportunity to browse the hall and view handmade items and crafts

donated by the congregation for use in the sale. There was also a raffle and cookie table for those with a sweet tooth.

The main focus of the day was the luncheon; where many sat down to enjoy a roast beef meal with all the trimmings.

"We've done this for at least 50 years," said Elaine Paquet, who helped put together the event.

She said past bazaars have been successful and offer opportunity to find a unique gift for the holidays or enjoy some treats.

The Port Colborne Optimist Club also aimed to draw crowds when they held Christmas bazaars of their own past Saturday.

Filling up the Lions Hall on Chippawa Rd. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the club offered a variety of crafters, who inquired about bringing their goods to the festivities.

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Anglican Church Women Janis Labbe, Ethel Birrell and Elaine Paquet were on hand during the St. James and St. Brendan's Church Christmas bazaar held at the Guild Hall on Nov. 5. The group served lunch and hosted craft and bake tables during its annual fundraiser.

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**COSTELLO**

# Vendors help shoppers get jump on holiday gifts

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Everything from knit items to jewelry was on display for incoming guests while soup and sandwiches were prepared in the kitchen below.

"We decided it would be fun to do a craft show for Christmas," said Sue Brown, president of the Port Colborne Optimist Club.

Sue said the aim for the event's sixth year was to bring



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Sue Brown, president of the Port Colborne Optimist Club

back the bazaar effect.

"Quite a few people came through this morning," she said, adding that holding the event at the Lions Hall gave visitors freedom to walk around as it provided a spacious environment.

With 14 different vendors,

Brown said she was able to find a variety of sellers who brought goods that were great for holiday shopping.

Although Port Colborne has yet to see a snowstorm, the bazaars and craft shows throughout the area in the coming weeks will be sure

to put visitors in high spirits as they enjoy a sense of community and a taste of the holidays.

**LINDSAY COSTELLO**

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The Port Colborne Optimist Club held its sixth annual Christmas bazaar on Nov. 12 at the Lions Hall where they housed vendors and served lunch.

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■ **TRAILERS:** Needed to keep staff

# Skydive Burnaby seeking alternative for staff lodging

**ALLAN BENNER**  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — The owners of Skydive Burnaby have been given until Nov. 17 to either remove 15 trailers from their business property, or present the township with plans for a building alternative.

Tara and Mike Pitt were at Tuesday's township council meeting asking for assistance in finding an alternative to the trailers used to house seasonal staff at the skydiving club.

"If these trailers are removed without a replacement for our staff, we can't continue," Tara Pitt told councillors.

It's not the first time the issue has been debated. In 2003, the Pitts signed an agreement to build a bunkhouse to replace the trailers where staff stay during summer months.

Although that building was previously approved by Wainfleet council, the project was never developed. A recent complaint from a neighbouring resident brought the issue back to the table.



Munday



Pitt

Instead, she said the business has reassessed its plans. The couple hopes to replace the trailers with 15 small cabins to be built over a five-year period.

The Pitts asked if they'd be able to build a few cabins a year over the next five years, and remove a few trailers each season until all 15 cabins are in place.

Tara Pitt said the cabins cost about \$2,000 to build, and the cost would be easier for the business to manage if it was spread out over a five-year period.

Township planner Grant Munday

Pitt said she and her husband were "very naive" when they signed that agreement to build the bunkhouse, and she's regretted it ever since.

And that could be more difficult because a construction moratorium put in place as a result of contaminated well water along

said building individual cabins rather than the previously approved bunkhouse would amount to a revised project needing new planning approval.

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the lakeshore would restrict the Pitts' ability to apply for a zoning amendment.

"A new proposal would not be possible right now because of the current situation," Munday said.

Meanwhile, costs associated with reviewing the revised plans could end up costing the Pitts an extra

\$10,000, Munday warned.

In addition to asking the Pitts to submit revised plans as soon as possible, council is also seeking legal advice about allowing the Pitts an exemption to the building moratorium.

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## ■ HAZARD

# Soil contaminated at Wainfleet works yard

**ALLAN BENNER**  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — The township is looking for ways of cleaning up 200 tonnes of contaminated soil, after replacing fuel storage tanks at its public works yard.

Wainfleet operations director Greg Wulsman told township councillors council the contamination, caused by fuel spilled over the years at the works yard, was discovered after fuel tanks there were replaced with new ones, and was nowhere near the surface.

He said the town has three options for cleaning up the mess.

One option is to remove the contaminated soil and replace it with clean fill. But that will likely cost \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Another option is to inject a chemical into the contaminated soil to neutralize hydrocarbons. That option will cost about \$10,000, and will take about three weeks to complete.

A third option "is to do absolutely nothing."

Under current environmental regulations, the town is obligated to remove the soil because the use of the facility is not changing. However, Wulsman said "it's perhaps not the best option in terms of environmental stewardship."

"How urgent is it?" asked Mayor April Jeffs. "Can this wait a couple weeks and get a staff report?"

Replied Wulsman: "Right now there's a large hole in the ground that's full of contaminated water and soft soil with pylons around it."

However, he said that hole could be fenced off while council considers its options.

A motion by Ald. Ted Heddess to approve moving forward immediately with plans for the chemical treatments was defeated. Instead, Wulsman was asked to prepare a full report on the problem to be considered at the Nov. 22 council meeting.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment  
Pre-Consultation Policies

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments on a proposed City initiated Official Plan Amendment to incorporate Pre-Consultation Policies into the existing Official Plan.

Pre-consultation Policies would apply to all planning applications including; Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-law Amendments, Site Plan and Subdivision and would assist in determining what studies and fees are required to be submitted to Staff for a complete application. Pre-consultation will also provide an opportunity to discuss the nature of the application; development and planning issues; the need for additional information and/or reports to be submitted with the application and; the planning and approval process including the appropriateness of concurrent applications, where applicable, thereby ensuring the both the City and the potential applicant have all the relevant information and know what required documents and fees are required prior to submission.

### PUBLIC MEETING

Date: December 12, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 3rd Floor  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne Ontario

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on this proposed Official Plan Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by providing written comments to the City. Please note that unless you provide input via one of these means, you may not be able to appeal the decision of Council at a later date.

### WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing or to request personal notification of a decision of Council, please send correspondence c/o City Clerk, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne Ontario, L3K 3C8.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Lindsay Richardson, Community/Policy Planner at 905-835-2901 ext 129 or via email at [lindsay.richardson@portcolborne.ca](mailto:lindsay.richardson@portcolborne.ca). A copy of the Draft Official Plan Amendment is available at City Hall for review or it can be found on the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).

### LEGAL NOTICE

Sections 17 and 18 of the Planning Act

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Port Colborne before a decision on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the City of Port Colborne to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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Dated at the City of Port Colborne this November 18, 2011

# inPortbriefs

## MAN RESCUED FROM CANAL

PORTR COLBORNE — A 35-year-old Port Colborne man is alive after being rescued from the frigid water of the Welland

Canal, early last Sunday morning.

About 3 a.m., firefighters, Niagara Emergency Medical Service paramedics and Niagara Regional Police pulled the man from the water near

the intersection of Clarence and West Sts., numerous residents heard his faint cries for help and called 911. Emergency workers found the man clinging to the about four-metre-high canal wall, pulled him to safety. Paramedics treated the man for hypothermia.

As a result of their investigation, police believe

the man fell in the water accidentally, and alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the incident.

Police commended people for their willingness to become involved and calling emergency workers. The identity of the man has not been released.

**SHOT IN FOOT**  
WAINFLEET — A hunter

sustained minor injuries after shooting himself in the foot, Saturday afternoon.

Niagara Regional Police say the 24-year-old was hunting in Wainfleet when at about 4:15 p.m., his rifle accidentally fired causing the injury to his foot.

Another hunter who was with him at the time was not injured. Both officers, who were investigating the incident along with officers from the Halton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, do not suspect anything suspicious in the incident.

Police say the Ministry of Natural Resources is reviewing the incident.

## COKE BUST NETS 6

PORTR COLBORNE — Six Port Colborne residents have been arrested after police seized \$205,720 in cocaine in that

city.

On Friday the Niagara Regional Police morality unit, Ontario Provincial Police Provincial Organized Crime Enforcement Team, 3 District street crime unit and unaffiliated officers from Port Colborne executed two search warrants in the lakeside city. The warrants were not specifically for cocaine.

Police seized cocaine with an estimated street value of \$205,720 and \$1,585 in cash.

Jesse MacDonald and Trent Essex have each been charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and possession of proceeds of crime under \$5,000.

Heather Watts, Darren Niece, Felicia Villella and Frederick Hebert have each been charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.



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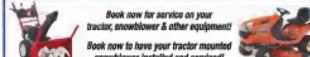
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### POT SEIZED

**PORT COLBORNE** — Firearms and more than \$168,000 in marijuana were seized from a rural Port Colborne home on Wednesday.

In August, the Niagara Regional Police guns, gangs and grows unit began investigating an alleged marijuana-growing operation. Last week, the unit executed a search warrant at 1170 Kleinsmith Rd. with assistance from the provincial enforcement unit.

An ongoing multi-stage marijuana-growing operation was discovered in the basement of the single-family residence. Police found 84 marijuana plants with

an estimated street value of \$84,000. The plants were in various stages of growth and were located in three separate growing areas.

A vast quantity of processed marijuana, worth \$84,418, and several firearms stored in violation of the Firearms Act were also seized.

Daniel Monger, 41, of Port Colborne, is charged with production of a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking, three counts of possession of firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized, four counts of contravention of storage of a firearm and one count of unauthorized possession of a prohibited device.

### ■ PORT CARES: Annual fundraising dinner, auction coming soon



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Port Cares employees Caitlin Battista, Janice Tallis and Pam Swick Janjac sort through some of the more than 170 items that have been donated for the 13th annual Port Cares fundraising dinner and auction, which takes place Friday, Nov. 25.

### ■ CRASH

## Family coping with death of young mother

VICTORIA GRAY  
InPort News Staff

**WELLAND** — The Raby and Beauchamp families are still reeling from the shock and devastation caused by the sudden loss of Michelle Raby-Beauchamp.

A guard for Canada Border Services Agency, 28-year-old Raby-Beauchamp of Welland died in a two-vehicle crash on the QEW on the morning of Oct. 25. The tragedy stuck in the Toronto-bound lanes just before the Ridgemount Rd. overpass.

"As a daughter, mother, wife, sister, we were blessed to have experienced her unrelenting love, devotion and compassion," her mother Pauline Raby said during an interview at her Welland home Tuesday morning, surrounded by family. Raby wanted to sit down and clear the

air about her daughter's crash. She said police do not believe Raby-Beauchamp was using her phone at the time of the 8:25 a.m. collision.

Her husband, Danny Beauchamp text-messaged her "I love you, babe" at about 11 a.m.

"She was our right arm," her mother said. "It's almost like she knew she had a short time to do everything and she did it all."

Raby said more than a thousand people attended the funeral home visitation. CBSA posted an honour guard at Raby-Beauchamp's side throughout three visitations and the funeral, which was also attended by American border guards.

"They never left her side for three days," Raby said.

"Michelle affected all of the people she touched personally and professionally."

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EDDIE CHAU Staff Photo

Lakeshore Catholic High School officially opened the use of its new bleachers before a football game Friday against Notre Dame. Pictured are: principal Danny Dilorenzo; parent booster club members Patti Portolesi, Marino Casella, Michelle Casella, Mayor Vance Badaway, parents of Gaetano and Luca Letizia and teachers Joseph Sciarra, Michael Stevenson and Tina Nuccitelli. Absent are: Fiona Alford, Linda Breaux and Patti Jo Carver.

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■ **LEST WE FORGET:** St. Therese students erect 158 crosses with soldiers' photos

# Afghanistan war casualties remembered

HEIDI GRZESINA  
For The Tribune

**PORT COLBORNE** — The sight of what would surely have brought tears to Cpl. Tyler Crooks' eyes.

St. Therese students, under the direction of teacher Todd Turonski and principal Jay MacJanet, honoured one of their own, Cpl. Crooks and all veterans who, like Crooks, gave their lives for our freedom today.

Turonski began the project last year of erecting crosses to represent each fallen Afghanistan hero, but this year's grades 7 and 8 students continued the commemoration.

**"Sometimes I think we take this freedom we have in Canada for granted. Our staff and community try to give our kids experience so that they can relate to and understand that life in Canada is worth celebrating."**

St. Therese principal Jay MacJanet

Each cross is not only named, but also displays a picture of each fallen soldier.

"We wanted them (the students) to internalize the feeling, to make it personal and to connect with each of these heroes," Turonski said.

"We wanted them to feel the feeling of making crosses in the exact



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

In recognition of Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers, students and staff from St. Therese School in Port Colborne placed 158 flags around the school's property — one for each of the Canadian lives lost during the war in Afghanistan. From left, Grade 1 student Lauryn Sadowski, her mother and teacher April Sadowski and sister Danielle, in Grade 3, arrive early Friday to place the flags in the ground.

same room Tyler Crooks attended as a student. We are happy to show respect, but sad, too, about putting up that many crosses."

The students responded to Turonski with comments such as "It feels like you know them" and "You can kind of feel what they must have been feeling."

It took three days to paint the crosses and put names and pictures on them. Students stayed late and contributed greatly in this effort.

"We're not like other schools," the principal said.

"Tyler was one of our own, so it makes this type of ceremony very special," MacJanet said. "Sometimes I think we take this freedom we have in Canada for granted. Our staff and community try to give our kids experience so that they can relate to and understand that life in Canada is worth celebrating."

Grade 8 student Gabie Marozuk compiled a video presentation of students' family members lost to war and this video was played to the entire school during the Remembrance Day ceremony held Friday morning. From the smallest of junior kindergarten students to Grade 8 students, the silence in the auditorium while viewing was remarkable.

One student traced back family members all the way to 1812.

Asked if he did an internet search, Lucas Hoyle replied: "No, my grandfather helped me."

MacJanet opened the ceremony by saying: "We are very blessed to be in a country like Canada and we are respecting our veterans today."

Classes by class, commemorative wreaths made by students were placed on the school stages.

A centre wreath had one poppy to

represent each grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, cousin or other family member.

"Looking at all those names (in

the video), we have a lot to remember and be grateful for," Turonski said as the ceremony ended and students returned to class.

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## RECREATION

# 'Fleeters' input needed on arena

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Township council wants to hear from residents before it makes any final decisions regarding the future of the Wainfleet Arena.

Despite issuing a request for proposals to determine

the costs and potential of renovating the arena, township council wants to organize a public meeting to hear the thoughts of residents and arena users regarding the aging facility.

Ald. Betty Kone said the township may have jumped the gun when it began look-

ing for an architect for the work needed on the facility.

"Unfortunately, I personally think it was a mistake in voting to go forward with request for proposals for architectural renderings when we're not there yet," she said.

She also asked for staff

report on the RFP and options for the arena, as well as a public meeting.

"That is a building that was built by the community. It was built through donations. I think the community needs a say in what's going to happen there."

Wainfleet director of oper-

ations Greg Wuileman said a written report was previously submitted to council regarding the tenders.

Based on council's approval of that report, he said he submitted a tender for architectural services for an arena. The tender process has already closed, and

his staff are reviewing the submissions.

A date for a public meeting has yet to be set.

The need for extensive arena renovations was determined earlier this year. It could cost anywhere between \$3 million and \$4 million to make changes.



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Lasik Provision has evolved in its current location from its original incarnation as Lasik Vision, which brought affordable lasik eye surgery to North America. Dr. Taylor restructured Lasik Vision in 2001 as a founding principal and owner of Lasik MD, which then went on to expand refractive clinics across Canada. In 2005, Dr. Taylor left Lasik MD to focus on more customized patient eyecare. In addition to his base clinic in Niagara Falls, he underwent an international expansion to London, England, Brussels, Belgium and the United States. Currently, in addition to his work in Niagara Falls, Dr. Taylor is involved in the development of a comprehensive ophthalmic centre in Toronto.

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■ DANCE: Students take part in workshop

# Fancy footwork on display at Port High

LINDSAY COSTELLO  
For InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE —**  
Leaps, turns and fancy footwork, part of the Blue Bear curriculum as Port Colborne High School students participated in a dance workshop

last Monday afternoon.

Toronto Dance Theatre reached out to schools, offering workshops as a means of prompting its new show Severe Clear, which will debut at Brock University's Centre for the Arts on Nov. 19.

Rosemary James was on

hand to host the workshop, demonstrating techniques used in modern dance and drawing inspiration from dance pioneer Martha Graham, who is known for performing this style.

James is the Training and Performing Associate of The

School of Toronto Dance Theatre and has taught modern dance courses at York University in addition to choreographing for various arts education programs.

In addition to teaching a class on technique, James also taught the students an

excerpt of the choreography used in Severe Clear during the interactive session, which spanned over two and a half hours.

"They're all having fun," said Amy Converst, who teaches dance at the school.

"They're getting a chance to

do something different," she said, adding that even if some aspects of the workshop have been included in her lessons, having a new instructor can provide students with new insight.

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# Students gain dance skills, confidence from workshop

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For many of the students, this was the first time they had learned movement while listening to live music. A percussionist provided the soundtrack, which Converset felt provided students with a challenge.

"I think it's very different," she said, adding it allows the dancers to feed off the energy of the musician and have fun.

While the workshop taught new dance skills and techniques, Converset noted that these types of activities are also beneficial because they instill confidence in the students and assist those who are considering pursuing a career in the arts.

"I was definitely looking forward to this workshop," said Allison Benson, a Grade 11 students who was one of about 25 participants.

"I didn't even know anything of this caliber before," said Sarah Potts, who is also in Grade 11.

Benson and Potts were invited to join the workshop as part of the Arts and



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Rosemary James, centre, who is the training and performing associate at The School of Toronto Dance Theatre, led a modern dance workshop for Port Colborne High School students on Monday afternoon, teaching new techniques and choreography.

Culture Specialises High Skills Major that the school offers.

"It was a very experience but a good experience," said Potts, adding she is grateful for the opportunity to try new things and expand her knowledge.

"We're lucky to have them."

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# I do like Cyber Monday.

Nothing goes better with American Thanksgiving leftovers than online deals

**Boxing Day** remains the number one bargain bonanza for Canadians looking to score deals on gadgets, clothes and all the things they failed to get for the holidays. Thanks for nothing, Aunt Gertrude.

But the dual American shopping phenomena of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which bookend the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend, have gained traction with Canadian retailers and shoppers over the last few years.

Cyber Monday originally began as a promotion by a retailer group but has grown into its own beast, when stores offer online-only deals for shoppers who prefer the click of computer keys to the chaos of a mall.


**Gadgets**

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Cyber Monday — falling on Nov. 21 this year — allows Canadians to capitalize on deals on both sides of the border without having to leave our homes. We asked RedFlagDeals.com founder Derek Szeto for Cyber Monday shopping tips.

**DO ADVANCE RECON**

"If you're doing your research on Monday, are you wasting time that could be used for shopping?" Szeto says. Some stores will announce Cyber Monday deals in advance on their websites; others will alert loyal customers via e-mail newsletters. Bookmark sites you plan to hit up for bargains.

**SET UP YOUR ACCOUNTS**

Most deals already have a leg in for a retailer's website, set one up before Cyber Monday hits, lest you lose precious minutes when gunning for a "only 10 available beginning at 8 a.m." deal.

**LOOK FOR THE .CA**

When possible, hunt for deals at retailers with an established Canadian presence, as it can ease currency conversion and cross-border shipping headaches. Amazon.ca might not have the same breadth of selection as Amazon.com, but you know you're going to get your stuff quickly and without hassle.

**SHIPPING IS EVERYTHING**

U.S. retailers are slowly getting better at accommodating Canadian shoppers, with some offering detailed pre-purchase breakdowns of what buyers will pay for shipping, duty and other costs. Overstock.com is a great example.

**SHIPPING IS STILL EVERYTHING**

If your favourite U.S. retailer isn't Canadian-friendly, be very careful with shipping costs. Courier services such as UPS and FedEx can assign exorbitant brokerage fees to items shipped cross-border — if the retailer's website doesn't have this information, check the courier company's own website. Regular postal mail is a cheaper option.

**MAKE A DEAL**

It's easy to get caught up in flashy Cyber Monday promotions on websites, but make sure that 40% off really means 40% off. "Just because retailers say it's on sale doesn't mean it is," says Szeto. Check at least one other website for a price comparison. Because nobody likes Lingering Regrets Tuesday.



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## ■ GRAND OPENING

# Community health centre celebrates its start

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News Staff

**POR T COLB ORNE** — Cathy Wight feels like part of the family. It's a relationship the Port Colborne resident was proud to share with the crowd gathered at Bridges Community Health Centre on Wednesday.

**“It’s been a long, hard road. But success comes to those who wait.”**

Russ Wilson

Wight, a Bridges client, spoke to guests at the facility's grand opening about support the staff have shown in her time of need.

She expressed how much easier her life has become since the centre opened its new permanent facility on King St. in mid-

September.

Wight's entire family has sought support from both on site physician, Dr. Jason St-Hilaire, and other members of the inter-professional health team that work to assist with their different health-care needs.

Wight, who is in her late 50s, has three grandchildren who live in mid-

her — each with special needs. The family used to have to take regular trips out of town to see a physician, but now they go to Bridges.

"It gets expensive and it's time consuming," she said of their previous travels, detailing how thrilled she was the centre opened its doors in the lakeside city.

Wight's husband suffers from diabetes and is prone to seizures. He has been working to get his diet under control to help from the centre's dietitians — and it's been working, Wight said.

"They deserve our recognition for what they've done," she said of Bridges staff.

"You really establish a rapport with them. They're a group of caring individuals."

To date, the Port Colborne site has registered more than 1,400 clients and intake has "dramatically increased" since the new facility opened, said board president Russ Wilson.

It was 2005 when the provincial government announced an expansion plan of community health centres, but it wasn't until the fall of 2009 that a temporary Bridges site was opened in the Port of Village plaza.

"It's been a long, hard road," Wilson said.

"But success comes to those who wait."

Opening the new permanent site has allowed Bridges to consolidate all of its programs and services under one roof, making a "huge and positive difference in the lives of our clients," said executive director Taralee McLean.

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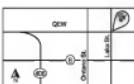


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Pictured from left are the smiling faces that welcome patients to the new Bridges Community Health Centre, medical secretaries Christine Walsh, Jennifer Tanham, Vera Sawchukova and, sitting, Gail Sharp.

## ■ HEALTH CENTRE



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Health promoters Lori Kleinsmith and Rhonda Barron, and community health worker Mary Anne Feagan tested visitors with the wheel of health during the Bridges Community Health Centre grand opening.

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# Programs to benefit area

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The centre's target population includes seniors, low-income families and individuals, at risk youth and newcomers to Canada, but many of the programs are available to all members of the Port Colborne, Wainfleet and

greater Fort Erie communities, McLean said.

Bridges also provides primary health care to residents without access to a family doctor.

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**■ HEALTH CENTRE****'We need ambassadors'****FROM PAGE 19**

"We deliver health care in a manner that takes the whole person and the needs of the community into consideration," McLean said, referring to the staff that include doctors, nurses, dietitians, social workers, health promoters, mental health workers and diabetes educators.

Wilson issued the chal-

lenge to all those people in attendance to share word of the facility and its services to those within the community.

"We need ambassadors for Bridges," he said.

"Tell them what you heard today."

Anyone interested in learning more about Bridges programs can call the centre at 289-479-5017.



**MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo**  
A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to officially open the new Bridges Community Health Centre on King St. Pictured from left are Bridges board president Russ Wilson, executive director Taralea McLean, Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway, Bridges patient Cathy Wight, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs, and Bill Millar, board member with the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network.

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# Jingle sales



It's beginning to look a shop like Christmas. Some tips for spending like three wise men.

**DAHILIA KURTZ**  
Special to QMI Agency

America sneezes and Canada catches the cold, or in this case, the fever — Black Friday shopping fever.

The annual south-of-the-border buying frenzy, which begins the day after American Thanksgiving, also kicks off the festive season in Canadian shopping centres.

But is it possible to catch the fever without the complications of debt, panic and frantic shopping? Here are some expert tips from David Soberman, a marketing professor at Rotman School of Management, and Kimberly Clancy, founder of FrugalShopper.ca.

## 1. PLAN

Create a list with a budget and stick to it. "Ask the kids to write the list before Santa before you shop," Clancy says. Gifts can be affordable and meaningful, especially if you do your research. Comparison shop online and click through forums, like the one at FrugalShopper.ca, where others have already done the research for you.

And the thrifty shopper says not to toss any flyers just yet. "Some stores guarantee they have the lowest price. Bring the flyers to the store and they'll adjust the price. In some cases, they even give an additional discount," she says.

## 2. TIMING

Shop early and avoid peak hours. "You can't make yourself worse off by looking early, but you can definitely make

yourself worse off by waiting until the last minute," says Soberman.

Clancy agrees. "Early Christmas deals are usually really good, but if you find a lower price closer to Christmas, you can get the price adjusted to the lower price." Even if a sale price item is out of stock, ask for a rain-check to get it on sale later.

## 3. AVOID MARKETING TRICKS

It's easy to worry too much about getting the best deal. However, as Soberman sees it, "the objective shouldn't be to get the best deal — the most important thing is to avoid getting ripped off. If you pay a fair price for your purchase, you should feel very satisfied with yourself."

Look out for the "decoy" hook-up. A price markdown isn't always a bargain; sometimes it's a ruse. Also, be reluctant to believe aggressive salespeople who promise the best deal ever, or pressure you with scare tactics. If they say the price may go up the next day, it's often untrue.

And don't let almost guaranteed money-grab extended warranties. "For many retailers, this is the number one source of profit," notes Soberman.

## 4. SHOP ONLINE

Sometimes there are better deals a few days after Black Friday, "Cyber Monday." But always use reputable sites. If you have to send gifts, Clancy likes free shipping options that allow you to save

extra costs and hassles — don't forget to look for gift-wrapping options at checkout.

To find the lowest prices, she uses comparison-shopping sites such as Bing.ca/shopping. And while online, look for codes for discounts at RetailMeNot.com or similar sites, like the Frugal Shopper's domain.

(Tip: Sometimes if you "like" a company's Facebook page, you'll get a discount too.)

## 5. HAVE FUN

Get a shopping buddy (and keep each other in check) and reward yourself with a tasty treat, mini-massage, or a drop-em-dead red lipstick. If you have the time, take an ultimate shopping getaway south of the border, where Soberman finds deals are more than worth it.

Finally, perhaps the professor's best advice: "If you're the person who spends twice what you planned, cash is a very good way to impose control on your spending in advance. But, if you have good control, use your credit card because earning loyalty points is great."

So, merry shopping and a happy new account balance.



# TRAVEL

# Cross-country shopping

Reap the benefits of making your purchases within Canada

**ROBIN ROBINSON**  
QMI Agency

As a frequent traveller, I have shopped in markets, malls and duty-free stores across the world. So I can say with certainty that much of the merchandise sold globally is not available in our own backyard. And with the exception of local specialties – usually at competitive prices.

A woman I know once lugged a tagine – a heavy earthenware cooking vessel – home from Morocco, only to spot the exact item in a cookery shop near her house. The savings? Less than \$20. Worth the aggravation? Probably not.

## TORONTO

Ontario's city of neighbourhoods is also a city of shopping neighbourhoods. Here are a few:

■ Downtown Yonge Street and the Eaton Centre have more than 600 retailers, this is the city's prime destination for brand names, boutiques and bargains at major fashion, accessory, jewelry and electronic chains and department stores such as The Bay, Sears and Canadian Tire.

■ Once known as the "mink mile," Bloor Street is the place to go for the likes plus the Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Hermès, Tiffany and more.

Upscale Canadian retailers (Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen's and William Ashley China) can be found here too.

■ While the big boys like Chapters and Starbucks moved into the Yorkville neighbourhood a while ago, Queen West is still home to funky street-level shopping at creatively named one-off boutiques and chains with a youthful vibe such as Clik Klik, Decibel, Fashion Crimes, John

Other advantages of shopping in your country: No worries about breakage, warranties, border hassles, paying duty or other taxes when you exceed customs allowances, or being stuck with items that prove unsatisfactory and can't be returned.

Consider some of the best shopping anywhere (too much to outline in one newspaper article) but three cities in particular, Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton, are interesting destinations for a shopping getaway.

So this holiday season, grab your significant other, parent, pal or sibling and try the following:

Fleuve Shoes, Hells Bells, Lavish & Squalor, Peach Berserk, Pull, and So Help It Hurts, to name a few, and Queen West's Small, Steve's Music and Black Market Vintage Clothes.



While shopping in Toronto, it's also worthwhile to plan a trip to Niagara, home to more than 70 wineries and an outlet mall.

Niagara Falls for discount shopping at Canada's first factory outlet mall, and specialty stores such as Nine Coach, Surplus Diesel, Roots and Tommy Hilfiger, Fielding Estate Winery, Good Earth Winery, Hillebrand Winery, Konzelman Estate Winery, Peller Estates, Pittillo Estates and Vineland Estates. Then take a small detour to

## MONTREAL

While global retailing is largely dominated by international brands, Quebecers buck the trend with their European appreciation for artisan goods over those that are mass produced.

■ Old Montreal and the Old Port Historic District, cobblestone lanes and art boutiques will set the right tone for holiday shopping while Eternel, a year-round Christmas shop, will put you in a festive mood.

■ Foodies will like bistro-cafés/fine food emporiums such as Marché de Vieux and Canadian Maple Delights for locally made organic maple syrup, Quebec foie

gras and tapenades. For artisan boutiques and artists' studios, head to Saint-Paul Street or Marché Bonsecours, a beautiful heritage building that showcases work by Quebec artists.

■ Downtown (shopping centres, Saint-Catherine Street West and the Underground) and Old Montreal need to add to the city's commercial heart for designer boutiques such as M0851 (a Montreal brand known for its leather goods that is expanded into other cities), mainstream department store and above and below ground shopping centres (the Eaton Centre, Place Montreal Trust, Les Cours Mont-Royal, Complex Les Ailes, Promenade Cathédrale

and Place Ville Marie, where the city's 33-km of subterranean connecting passageways began in 1952.

■ Mont-Royal: Around Laurier Avenue West/Bernard Street, look for beautiful hand-woven, imported and Quebec fashions, children's wear, gourmet shops, and Boutique Royer, where 100 local artists sell their original glass, jewelry, wood and ceramic creations. Tony Mom-Royal Avenue is the place to go for one of a kind designer boutiques.

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JANE STEVENSON/QMI AGENCY  
Montreal is for shoppers and foodies alike, from locally designed fashion to fine artisan foods.

## EDMONTON

This is big sky (and big mall) country. The biggest of these (and the biggest in the world) is West Edmonton Mall. It's a destination in its own right. And with more than 800 stores, 100 restaurants, attractions such as amusement and water parks, mini golf courses, an NHL-size skating rink, a casino and more, you can't "do" WEM in a day. Heck, you might not be able to do it in a week, which may explain why there are hotels (The Fairmont Hotel and the West Edmonton Mall Inn).

Where to start? Soak up the ambiance of Europa Boulevard, home to tony designer boutiques such as Burberry, Versace, Prada, Hugo Boss, Ted Baker, Michael Kors, and popular brands like Ed Hardy, Diesel, True Religion, and others. New at WEM is 7 For All Mankind, the jeans brand jeans popular with celebrities, and Amsterdam-based fashion brand Scotch & Soda.

Edmonton has other places to



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West Edmonton Mall boasts more than 800 stores, including American retailers such as Victoria's Secret.

shop, too, including:

■ The still growing 100-store Scotiabank Common, which calls itself North America's largest open air shopping centre.

■ Whyte Avenue in the city's Old Strathcona neighbourhood. A protected historical area, this is the go-to place for one-off boutiques and locally-made crafts.

■ Downtown, where shoppers will find 450 shops and department stores limited by 13 km of climate-controlled pedestrian (an idea whose time has definitely come in Canada). These include the Edmonton City Centre, Commerce Place and Maruillie Place.

Your Auto Destination

■ **WORTH THE DRIVE?**: Travelling across the border to save thousands looks good on paper but when you get onto the road, the scales may level out

# Cross-border auto shopping



**Joe Duarte**  
AUTONET

The subject of cross-border shopping naturally becomes more polarized with higher ticket items — travel, vacation home and automotive.

Many consumers have for years seen a blatant discrepancy in Manufacturer Suggested Retail Prices (MSRP) between dealerships in Canada and those just across the border in the United States, and have gotten out the calculator to figure out if the price justifies the trip to the dealership.

As with most things, travelling across the border to save \$1,000s looks good on paper but when you factor in costs, the scales may start to level out.

First of all, although most new models are identical between the two countries (except for varying equipment levels) not all vehicles are admissible for importation (depending on age and use).

A great place to start when thinking of importing a vehicle into Canada is the Registrar of Imported Vehicles (RIV). The website [www.riv.ca](http://www.riv.ca) will walk you through the importation process to see what is admissible through the modifications you may have to make to the vehicle you're bringing into the country, to the taxes and fees you're going to have to pay (both federally and provincially).

It may not be as easy as many seem at first blush. And then there are those things that RIV won't tell you about. What happens if your new vehicle needs to be repaired? What about



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recalls and repairs under warranty? What if you find yourself stranded by the side of the road on a dark winter's night? What about disposing of your vehicle once it's lived its useful life?

As expected, the cost of car maintenance is the value inherent in a vehicle sold in Canada. If the vehicle is sold and registered outside of the United States, it no longer qualifies for the manufacturer's warranty in the U.S.; furthermore, it is not eligible for warranty coverage in Canada.

In other words, as soon as you cross the border in your Chrysler purchase and register the vehicle for use in your province, you don't have a warranty. Period.

"We are confident that consumers will find there is tre-

mendous value in purchasing a vehicle in Canada," says LouAnn Gosselin, Head of Communications at Chrysler Canada. "Warranty coverage is based upon the country of the vehicle's origin. Once a U.S.-Chrysler vehicle is sold and registered outside of the United States, it no longer qualifies for the manufacturer's warranty in the U.S., furthermore, it is not eligible for warranty coverage in Canada."

In other words, as soon as you cross the border in your Chrysler purchase and register the vehicle for use in your province, you don't have a warranty. Period.

There had been a lot of public-

ity generated around the touchy subject of warranties, especially in light of free trade agreements, leading some manufacturers to modify the way they handle warranty claims by owners who purchased their vehicles in the other country.

Ford Canada will honour the U.S. warranty terms and the roadside assistance (which on most vehicles lasts the terms of the basic warranty), though the customer would have to call the U.S. number when attempting to secure such assistance.

Volvo Canada also honours the basic warranties (four years or 50,000 miles in the U.S., 80,000 km in Canada), but Volvo cus-

tomers can obtain extended warranties at time of purchase, and these are not honoured.

Some manufacturers, such as Mercedes-Benz Canada, have warranties on parts and components that sometimes don't exist in the other country, such as rust-through coverage, for example, brake components and battery life.

Mercedes-Benz Canada will honour the U.S. warranty, but only after the vehicle has been imported and registered in Canada.

Mercedes-Benz Canada's specifications at an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealership in Canada (a potentially expensive and lengthy process that may include the installation of day

time running lights, gear shift indicator and certain comfort features), at the end of which it must be cleared by Mercedes-Benz Canada for a fee of \$500.

Porsche Cars Canada, which claims the closest margin in MSRP between the two countries (14%, according to Laurence Yap, Director of Marketing), has a similar program to extend warranty coverage in Canada (once the vehicle is inspected and signed off on at a Canadian dealership — a \$250 procedure).

And at the end of its useful life, there may be disposal problems with a U.S.-purchased vehicle. It may not be as easy as simply trading it in on a new purchase.

After a dealer's decision, there is a no certainty that dealers will accept U.S. vehicles as trade-ins," states JoAnne Caza, Director, Communications & Public Relations at Mercedes-Benz Canada. "If a dealer refuses to take a U.S. vehicle as a trade-in, the trade-in tax credit cannot be claimed on any subsequent purchase."

So the cost savings of purchasing a vehicle in the United States may seem immediate, but the cost of getting rid of it may be by the time you get the vehicle on the road in Canada and then attempt to dispose of it.

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■ HOCKEY: Novice team wins in Paris

# Sailors take championship

For InPort News

**POR COLBORNE** — The Port Colborne Novice "B" Rep team that is currently riding a 9-0 start to the regular season travelled to Paris for the Rob Johnston Memorial Rep Tournament. With outstanding goaltending, stifling forechecking and relentless back checking the Golden Pack Novices were well on their way home the championship.

In game 1 the Sailors took on the Ayr Flames. A tight battle resulted in a 2-0 win for the Sailors. Game 2 saw the battle of the Ports with the Sailors defeating the Port Dover Pirates 10-1. In game 3 the Sailors battled the Mt. Brydges Cougars to a 2-2 tie and took 1st place in their division. In the semi-finals the Sailors took on the Delhi Rockets. The Sailors were able to pull away in the 3rd period for a 5-1 win and a



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place in the Finals.

In the finals the Sailors had to battle the Mt. Brydges

Cougars again. With a goal 15 seconds into the final the Sailors were able to set the

tone for the game and end up bringing home the championship with a 4-1 win.

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South Coast Cookhouse 2

The City 0

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Drifter's 2

Boggio's 3 The Reeb House 0

Port Colborne Laundry 0

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RCJ Dream Renovations 3

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